

GEORGE WILSON ARRESTED.

SUSPECTED OF HELPING TO POISON HIS MOTHER.

Body Examined for the Purpose of Securing a Chemical Analysis.—John Young, father of Mrs. Manson, suspected of the crime. Now says she is innocent.

WILLMANTON, Conn., Dec. 21.—The body of Mrs. Julia A. Young of Ashford, who, it is suspected, died of poison administered by Mrs. Lillian Manson, was examined this morning from the body of Daniel, son, assisted by Medical Examiner Dr. C. M. Knight, performed the autopsy. Dr. Robinson remarked, after looking at the brain, that there were some peculiar spots on it. The exhibits will be taken to State Chemist Wolf of Hartford to-morrow by Coroner Bill. The coroner will also cause to be examined several bottles which are marked poison and a box labelled morphine tablets in which there are a few grains of white powder, also a white powder found in a paper which resembles arsenic.

All of these were found in the Wilson house to-day. After the body had been returned to the grave, the Wilsons, which stands in a remote part of Ashford, they found the place closed and the Sheriff was sent to the home of John Young, father of Mrs. Manson, to see if George Wilson, son of the dead woman and George Wilson, son of the dead woman, was found at work in Young's barn and was taken to the Wilson home where the coroner examined him in private.

After the examination of the Peace William Platt was called in and Wilson was committed to jail and the coroner, who is now charged against him, but he is being held pending the investigation, as it is suspected that he is an accomplice in the suspected poisoning of his mother. As he left with the Sheriff he said:

"I am perfectly willing to go to jail until the matter is cleared up."

A search of the house revealed nothing of great importance, a letter was found signed George and evidently meant for Mrs. Manson in which he expressed his love for her.

John Young, the father of the suspected woman, has evidently changed his feelings regarding his daughter. At the inquest his testimony was against her. To-day after George Wilson's arrest he wept and said he knew his daughter was innocent and that she told him where the box containing the rat poison was in the house.

He said at the inquest that the rat poison was in the house a short time before Mrs. Wilson's death. He gave the box of poison to the Sheriff to-day taking it from a shelf in his house, all the time protesting his daughter's innocence.

Harvey Copeland, an old resident of Ashford, said to-day that in October he paid Mrs. Wilson \$100 for a wood lot he purchased from her.

James Manson, the husband of the suspected woman, who came here yesterday for his six-year-old daughter and who took her to Ashford that he did not believe his wife was guilty and that he would stand by her. Her father says that she left her husband in the morning and that she was with her.

The coroner will continue to investigate the case, but nothing more will be done until the State chemist reports on the emma.

EMMA GOLDMAN VOLUNTEERS.

Would Nurse Her Friend, Miss de Cleyre, Who Was Shot in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Emma Goldman, the anarchist, wrote from New York to-day offering to come here and nurse Miss Voltaire de Cleyre, who was shot by Herman Helcher. She wrote expressing the deepest sympathy with Miss de Cleyre. The sick woman was gratified at the letter, but said she was content with the treatment received at the Hahnemann Hospital.

Miss de Cleyre was much improved to-day. Her pulse and temperature were almost normal, and there was no sign of pneumonia or blood poisoning, the two things now most to be dreaded. She saw many of her friends during the afternoon and she assured them that she would soon be with them.

At the Hahnemann Hospital to-night a careful examination of the wounds was made with the X-rays to determine the location of the bullets. A consultation of the physicians was held to determine if an operation was advisable at this time. His consultation was attended by Dr. D. A. Modell, Miss de Cleyre's family physician, Dr. Modell has been consulting with Dr. W. W. Keen, and there is no doubt that Miss de Cleyre is receiving the best medical attention. It was decided at the consultation to defer the operation for the present.

A story that makes the deed of Helcher look more dastardly than before came out to-day while a group of Miss de Cleyre's followers were discussing the case. It seems that when Helcher wrote to his former teacher about two weeks ago, he complained that the anarchists in this city were holding no meetings and that there was no chance for him to do any effective work.

Miss de Cleyre, who realized the limited mental culture of her former pupil, was, however, anxious to do something for him. She talked to her over with George Brown and Harry Bacon and others of her friends, and they decided that they would send him to the State of Washington. In the State of Washington, only run by socialists and anarchists on their own principles. There are no locks on the doors, and the property of one is the property of all.

It was thought that here Helcher might find contentment. Out of pure charity Miss de Cleyre wrote the young man to meet her at the regular weekly meeting of the State Security Club on Monday night. Helcher did not keep the engagement. He never replied to the letter and never met the woman who stood ready to befriend him, until Friday afternoon, when in disguise he crept upon her and attempted to kill her.

HIS SILVER JUBILEE.

62,000, a Banquet, a Silver Snuffbox and Addresses Presented to Father Hoy.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Joseph L. Hoy was celebrated yesterday in St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in East Ninety-sixth street, of which he is the pastor. High mass was sung, Father Hoy being the celebrant, assisted by Fathers J. J. Lennon and Quinn. Father Lavelle of the Cathedral preached a congratulatory sermon. Afterward John T. Manning, chairman of the Silver Jubilee committee, presented to Father Hoy an address and an envelope containing a new thousand-dollar gold certificate as a testimonial from his parishioners.

After the vesper service at 8 o'clock, there was a children's reception at which Katie Corcoran, daughter of Sgt. Corcoran of Police Inspector Grant's staff, read an address and presented to the priest a huge bouquet and a silver snuffbox from the children.

Father Hoy organized St. Francis de Sales Church eight years ago. He had previously formed two other parishes.

COAL MERCHANT THREATENED.

Bridgeport Dealer Warned to Put Down Prices or Take Chances of Death.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 21.—Frank Miller, a coal merchant of this city, who is perhaps the largest retail and wholesale dealer in that commodity in this State, was the recipient yesterday of an anonymous letter containing a threat of murder, unless he caused a reduction of the prevailing price of \$10 a ton in this city before Christmas. Mr. Miller was warned that unless he did as the writer desired he would spend Christmas in a place "where there is plenty of fire."

Mr. Miller is not worried over the letter. The coal situation is better here than in almost any other place in Connecticut. Retail orders are being filled promptly. Mr. Miller has kept the Board of Public Charities supplied with coal without any extra cost to the city and has done much to relieve the situation locally.

50,000 TONS OF COAL DUE TO-DAY.

Sunday Deliveries Will Keep Up—Better Time Expected After the Holidays.

From 50,000 to 55,000 tons of anthracite is due at tidewater to-day. Preparations were made yesterday to handle it as quickly as possible. As on Sunday a week ago, the coal dealers had wagons on the streets yesterday delivering coal.

Both dealers and consumers believed, they said, that the coal situation would improve after the holidays.

A report that the Methodist Episcopal church of Williamsbridge is closed for lack of coal is contradicted by the pastor. The congregation owns two churches, and, as the coal situation has recently been put in order for a fair, it was deemed best, owing to the scarcity of coal, that a part of the services be held in the smaller church. No branch of church work has been suspended.

LABOR LEADERS INDICTED.

Must Answer for Perjury in Trying to Send a Non-Union Man to Jail.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—The men who were engaged in the recent telephone strike are not yet over their troubles. Nine of them have been convicted of contempt of court in the United States court for disobeying its injunction and sentenced for long terms. Last night Thomas Zeigler, business manager of the Union, and two other of the harassing strikers were indicted for perjury by the Grand Jury in Jefferson parish, in a case which broke the strike.

The telephone company had complained that its wires were being cut by the strikers and appealed to the Mayor for protection. The company offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of any man engaged in wire cutting. The strikers replied that the company was cutting its own wires so as to incite public sympathy and get the United States court to interfere. Finally through Zeigler they made charges against John Schultz, who had formerly been a member of the union, but had refused to go out on strike. Two of the strikers swore that they had caught Schultz in the act of cutting the wires of the company for hire. According to the strikers, he said he did this in order to help them. Zeigler furnished the name of Schultz, the company and claimed the \$1,000 reward.

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LABOR'S LITTLE HATCHET OUT.

All Who Voted for the Tunnel Franchise Under the Union's Ban.

The Central Federated Union's committee, which tried to defeat the Pennsylvania tunnel franchise, when the labor clauses were left out of it, reported to the C. F. U. yesterday that the Aldermen who voted for the franchise were under a ban. The names of the Aldermen who voted for the franchise are to be placed on the official bulletin of the C. F. U. and read out every month. The secretary was requested to write to all affiliated unions asking them to take similar action.

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JENKINS REPORTS CROKER WELL.

And Predicting That the Democrats Will Regain the City—Coming Back?

Dr. W. T. Jenkins, former Health Officer of the Port of New York and a brother-in-law of Richard Croker, came home on the Eurym, which arrived yesterday morning. "I spent a great deal of time with Mr. Croker while abroad," said Dr. Jenkins, "and found him in very good health and enjoying himself very much."

Dr. Jenkins reported Mr. Croker as considering the fusion administration very weak and as believing that more than the Democrats nominate for Mayor next fall, he will be elected.

Dr. Jenkins was asked if Mr. Croker was coming back in the spring.

"Mr. Croker did not say that he was coming or that he was not coming," said Dr. Jenkins. "In fact, I am quite sure that the subject of his return here was not touched upon."

Dr. Jenkins took breakfast with Mr. Croker on the morning that he sailed for home. Mr. Croker got up at 6 o'clock and said to the doctor to the station from his place at Waukegan.

Dr. Jenkins said Mr. Croker was much interested in the trial of Chief Croker and thought his attitude wrong and that the Chief's name had much to do with his troubles.

Col. Bryan in Texas.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 21.—Col. W. J. Bryan arrived here this evening and will leave to-morrow for Mexico. He had nothing to say for publication in regard to the object of his visit to that country.

DOGS JUMPED OFF EXPRESS.

BIG ST. BERNARD KILLED, RETRIEVER BADLY HURT.

They Came Out the Open Door of the Baggage Car as the Montreal Express was Passing Spuyten Duyvil. Last Night Train Went On, Men Looking Back.

Two dogs, which according to the police are valuable, are at the Kingsbridge police station—one of them a male St. Bernard and the other, a retriever bitch, badly hurt. As to how the dogs met their injuries the police have only the story of Flagman Smith of the New York Central's crossing at Spuyten Duyvil to go on.

Smith says that the upbound Montreal express, which left the Grand Central Station at 8:35 P. M., was thrashing by him last night when he saw the dogs run to the open door of the baggage car and jump out. Two of the trainmen, he says, ran to the open door to see what had become of them. The train didn't stop, and the dogs were hurled up against the side of Smith's flag-bag. Then a south-bound local came along.

After that had passed Smith ran to the dogs and found that the St. Bernard, which was badly mangled, was dead. The retriever, crawled over to the St. Bernard and lay at his side, growling at Smith when he approached.

Smith then got Policeman Beckman, who after taking a look at the dogs, ran three-quarters of a mile to the Kingsbridge police station through the driving rain and told Acting Captain Schottman about the case.

Schottman sent a messenger two miles out to the Police station where the dogs were used to be a veterinary surgeon. Schiffer came in from his post and accompanied by two other policemen went to the Central's tracks. They took a large piece of canvas and a lot of bandages.

When they got to the flagman's shanty the retriever was on the ground and the body of his big mate, who not only refused to leave the St. Bernard, but growled at everybody except Schiffer. Finally, to pacify her, they cut the dog down on the canvas with her and carried both to the station.

Schiffer said that the retriever's back was badly sprained, but that he thought she would recover.

According to him the St. Bernard was worth fully \$2,000. The retriever was a smooth-coated dog, was, he said, of the very best breed.

Each dog had a collar. The St. Bernard had license 2278 for this year, the retriever license 5100 for 1901 and 2275 for this year. Sgt. Brady telephoned the numbers to the S. P. C. A., but the man he called couldn't get at his records until morning.

ACTOR WANTS TO RUN 'EM IN.

Would Add a Policeman's Power to His Stage Attractions.

The only sound to be heard in the Tanager station at 3 o'clock yesterday morning was that made by the scratching of a pen of the desk sergeant busy at the blotter. When the door opened the desk sergeant looked up. In front of him stood a man with long black hair topped by a soft felt hat. He was smooth shaven and without an overcoat. He was a good representative of the one-night stand tragedian.

"What can I do for you?" asked the sergeant.

"I want to talk to you alone," said the man as if there were a dozen strangers about.

"Well, go ahead," said the sergeant.

"It's a personal matter," was the reply. "and I want to talk to you alone."

The sergeant looked at the man and said: "I am a policeman, and you are a man who wants to make a name for himself."

"So we are now," said the long-haired one, glancing at the desk sergeant. "I am a man who wants to make a name for himself."

SHOOT THE NOTORMAN.

Highwaymen Fall to Hold Up a Trolley Car Near Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—An attempt was made last night to hold up a trolley car that runs from Roland Park to Lakeside. The object of the highwaymen was frustrated by the presence of mind of William J. Gorman, the conductor. The episode occurred shortly before 9 o'clock.

David Stanton, one of the car, was shot in the leg by the robbers as the trolley rounded the curve on its way to Roland Park. He was severely injured and entered the leg at the knee. After Stanton was shot, Gorman took charge of the car and took it to the Roland Park station. The scene of the crime was the beginning of the curve which the cars round to bring them back to Roland Park. Incandescent lights dimly illuminate the small space near the tracks. Behind them, back of the line of light, is a deep shadow. There was where the shot came from.

CIGAR OCTOPUS HUNTING.

300 Dealers Call on the Host to Kill the Beast by Barring His Goods.

In response to a call from the Retail Cigar and Tobacco Dealers Association about 300 dealers met yesterday in Maenher Hall, in East Fifty-sixth street, to make trouble for the American Tobacco Company.

On the motion of Robert E. Lane resolutions were adopted unanimously inviting members of the association to remove all signs and goods of the American Tobacco Company from their windows and show cases and to refrain from pushing such goods for a year, and also to decline to buy any new brand of tobacco manufactured by the company.

A committee of ten was also appointed to visit all labor union halls and urge their members to patronize only cigar stores not controlled by the so-called trust.

Granite Cutters Out for Higher Wages. The Granite Cutters' Union for the first time in eleven years has decided to make a general demand for a raise in wages. The last demand was made eleven years ago and was for the eight-hour work day and an advance in wages from \$5.50 to \$4 a day. An advance from \$4 to \$3.50 a day from March 1 is now to be asked.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All drug stores sell the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves' signature is on each box. 25c a box.

THEODORE B. STARR.

Diamond Merchant, Jeweler and Silversmith, MADISON SQUARE WEST.

Between 25th and 26th Streets. Established 18 years on John St. at 5th & Marcus. 25 years as above.

SPECIAL NOTICE. No connection with any other house in this line of business.

TROY GIRLS WANT TO WED.

WIVES OFFERED TO THE 500 LONELY TACOMA MEN.

Miss Simpson Forms a Club of Girls in the Collar Factories and Sends Pictures of Six of Them For Inspection By Prospective Husband's Plans.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 21.—Claret B. Simpson writes to Postmaster Cromwell from Troy, N. Y., that she and twenty other Troy girls have formed a matrimonial club with the object of providing wives for Pacific Coast men. The club is the result of a story circulated in the East that 500 men of Tacoma and other coast cities were in need of wives.

Miss Simpson is president of the club, which, she says, will choose by lot the members who shall marry first. Their plan is to forward to Postmaster Cromwell photographs of the girls thus selected and have him distribute them among the men wanting wives. The club will provide funds to defray the expenses of its members to the coast, one at a time. If the meeting with the young man with whom the wedding has been arranged by correspondence and exchange of photographs is not satisfactory, then the club will pay the girl's expenses back to Troy.

In a letter written on Dec. 12 Miss Simpson enclosed six photographs, including her own, and says regarding them: "We all work in collar factories here, the oldest is Bertha, 28, who earns \$5 a week as an expert cutter; Colette is the youngest, 16, but is her own guardian. Ava is a forewoman and earns \$8.50 a week, which she is not willing to leave unless there is a pretty sure guarantee of a better position there in case the husband chosen may not suit. I can say for the entire six that they rank well among the girls they work with. I will collect and forward references. 'No triflers need apply' is the motto of our club, and we are all in dead earnest ourselves."

Postmaster Cromwell is receiving scores of letters daily from both men and women who desire to marry. They are coming so fast that he cannot answer them. Besides, he is uncertain as to the propriety of his conducting a matrimonial bureau even though the matter was started by some joker. The men applicants are chiefly from Washington, Oregon and California.

Another Troy girl says she is engaged to a young man there, but he is so slow she is willing to marry the coast man, provided he is loving and will let her. She says she is 28 years old, lives with her mother and is unused to hardships.

\$300,000,000 IN MEXICAN MINES. Recent Investments of the Smelting Company Reported.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 21.—Martin Ward, a prominent American mining man of Durango, Mexico, who arrived here to-day, says that the Guggenheim Exploration Company, which is the Mexican branch of the American Smelting and Refining Company, has just consummated deals for additional silver mines, the considerations for which aggregated more than \$300,000,000.

These deals include the purchase of the extensive mining properties and railroad of the Hidalgo Mining Company, composed of Pittsburgh capitalists, situated in the State of Chihuahua, for which \$6,000,000 was paid; the Valenciana mines and smelter owned by the Omaha Grant Company, in the State of Durango, for which \$5,000,000 was paid; the Promontorio mine, owned by Maximilian Damm, in the State of Durango, for which \$2,000,000 was paid; the Avino mines, owned by the Avino Company (limited), in Durango, for which \$3,000,000 was paid; the Escudera mine, in the State of Oaxaca, for which \$2,000,000 was paid; and a number of small properties, for which amounts aggregating more than \$2,000,000 was paid.

Mr. Ward says that he obtained this information from the mining expert in the employ of the Guggenheim Trust, who examined the properties and recommended them. He said the trustee authority that the trust had options on a number of other mines which would bring its investments made within the past three months in Mexico up to more than \$30,000,000.

CORTLAND F. BISHOP ARRESTED.

He and Two Other Men Accused of Speeding Their Automobiles.

Cortland F. Bishop of 11 Madison avenue, Frederick L. M. Masury, a manufacturer of explosives, who lives at 34 West Eighty-seventh street and Dean Miller of 12 West Forty-fourth street were in the Morrisania police court yesterday charged with speeding their automobiles faster than the law allows. All three were held in \$300 bail each for trial in Special Sessions. All three were arrested on Jerome avenue, where the police were especially watching for late afternoon traffic. Miller was the only one of the three who made any protest at his arrest. Policeman Doyle of the High Bridge station says he threatened to "break him for arresting him. Miller said he could not have been going faster than the legal speed.

A VERY D. ANDREWS BACK.

He's Not Declining Police Commissioner's Bill Till He Gets a Chance.

Gen. Avery D. Andrews, who was one of the committee appointed by Mayor Low to report on the police system, got home on the White Star liner Cymric Saturday night. When he landed he was met by a possible successor to Commissioner Partridge. Gen. Andrews said: "So? Well, I never decline anything until it has been offered to me."

BIG MOUNTAIN LION HUNT.

President Is Invited to Help Kill Them Off in Montana.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 21.—Driven to desperation by the losses of stock as a result of depredations of mountain lions, the ranchers and stockmen of northern Montana are organizing an immense drive which will be without a parallel in Western history. The recent blizzard and intense cold have forced the animals from their mountain lairs into the valleys in quest of food.

It is proposed to have about 100 men engage in the chase, and from different points will proceed toward a common center, which will be some mountain basin. Into this trap the lions will be driven and then picked off by the marksmen. Losses of stock are frequent, the hungry animals attacking full-grown cattle. The lions are very powerful and drag a carcass of a cow with ease.

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PLAN NEW REVOLT IN CHINA?

TUNG FU HSIANG AND PRINCE TUAN AGAIN ACTIVE.

Leaders in the Boxer Uprising Now Said to be Organizing an Army in Shensi.—Missions Warned to Leave Kansu.—Empress Accused of Aiding Them.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. SHANGHAI, Dec. 21.—Excitement has been caused by reports from Shensi that the notorious Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang is mobilizing 10,000 well-equipped troops at Kansu, and buying large quantities of grain and fodder.

It is stated that he is preparing a big move in conjunction with Prince Tuan, another notorious leader of foreigners. Four thousand imperial troops who have been disbanded from the imperial command are said to have gone to join Tung Fu Hsiang.

Friendly officials have warned the missionaries and other foreigners to leave Kansu. It is believed that the Empress Dowager and Yung Lu, First Grand Secretary, are secretly encouraging the rebels and supplying them with money. It is stated that Chang Chih Tung, Viceroy of Wuchang, disgusted with the recent action of the Government, has asked permission to retire.

STEAMER FOUNDERS IN A GALE.

Crew of the Pure Oil Rescued by the Steamer North Point.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The British steamer North Point, Capt. Drake, from Philadelphia for London, has arrived at Gravesend. She reports that on Dec. 13 she sighted the German steamer Pure Oil, Capt. Dix, from Hamburg Dec. 4 for Philadelphia, with her crew of 20 men.

The North Point, after several attempts, which were frustrated by a gale, succeeded in getting the Pure Oil in tow, but was obliged to abandon her after five hours. Shortly after the Pure Oil foundered.

\$2,500,000 FAILURE.

English Banking Firm of J. & J. W. Pease Assigns.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The banking firm of J. & J. W. Pease of Darlington has assigned for the benefit of the creditors. It is estimated that the liabilities amount to £2,500,000.

The failure will have comparatively little effect on the public. The Pease family and their intimate friends are mainly concerned.

The partners are Sir Joseph W. Pease, M. P., and his sons, Alfred, who lately resigned from the House of Commons, and Joseph, who represents the Saffron Walden division of Essex in the House.

RAISING READING'S BLOCKADE.

Passenger Engines Pressed Into Sunday Work—Much Coal Moved.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Taking advantage of the absence of the hourly express service between this city and New York to-day the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad devoted all its engines toward raising a great mass of accumulated freight to New York. All the arrangements were made yesterday by Supt. Bires, and many passenger train locomotives were placed in service in the work of relieving the traffic congestion.

For three weeks freight consigned to New York and places north has been piling up and the tremendous increase owing to the holidays trade caught the Reading short-handed. A freight blockade rivaling that of Pittsburgh was feared. Twenty passenger engines were pressed into service and more than 1,000 cars of coal, besides a mass of general freight, were removed to the Reading terminal. Last night many trains were worked over from Reading to the main line to Jenkintown.

The passenger locomotives were run two at once, double-headed, as the railroad men have it, and took long lines of cars from Jenkintown to Port Reading, bringing back the empty coal cars and general freight consigned to Philadelphia.

Last Sunday ten passenger locomotives made one round trip to Port Reading; to-day the twenty locomotives each made two round trips. This same plan will be used next Sunday, if necessary, to rush all the coal that is on hand for New York to that city.

STORAGE MAIL CAR BURNED.

It Laid Here With 100 Sacks, Mostly Filled With Christmas Gifts and Papers.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 21.—A storage mail car was loaded to the top last night with 100 sacks to replace the mail car which was burned up at Highland station. L. C. Hall of Verona station was the chief clerk in charge of the car, and with him were S. M. Potter of West Troy, J. F. Kent of Jordan and F. B. Supple of Syracuse. They all reported to Supt. Howe that the car was about 700 sacks of mail, bound mostly for the West, had been completely destroyed and that the car was entirely burned up.

The last mail leaves this city at 8:45 A. M. A little south of Highland station, Mr. Hall said, one of the mail clerks noticed an odor of fire, and upon investigation it was found that the storage mail car, which was the first car of the train, was afire. All the mail clerks were in the second car at the time the fire broke out. The train was stopped and the fire broken in, but the fire had gone so far that it was impossible to extinguish it. The car was switched off on a siding near Highland station and left to burn. The train pulled out the sides had fallen in.

Most of the sacks contained Christmas gifts and papers. Ten sacks of papers for Syracuse were carried, as were several for Rochester and Buffalo. Sixteen sacks were bound for Chicago and eleven for the Philadelphia Islands. Mail for the Western States was all destroyed. The car when it left New York was full, and a considerable amount of mail had to be left behind. A sack was pulled out by a large horse, but the most of it was destroyed. The cause of the fire is not known, but the sacks were wet, the hungry animals attacking full-grown cattle. The lions are very powerful and drag a carcass of a cow with ease.

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